



# Getting Married in Korea?



1. Consular Officers at the Embassy Are Not Authorized to Perform Marriages, but Can Assist U.S. Citizens With the Paperwork Necessary for a Legal Marriage in Korea.
2. A Common Misunderstanding Is That You Will Be Married at the Embassy. You & Your Fiancée Will Be Married Under the Laws of Korea through the Local Ward Office
3. Marriage in Korea Is a Civil Procedure
4. A Religious Ceremony, While Often More Meaningful, Does Not Create a Legal Marriage in Korea

## **5. Need More Information?**

### **Contact the US Embassy, Seoul:**

<http://usembassy.state.gov/seoul/www2510.html#ward>

Review USFK Pamphlet 600-240, Commander's Guide to Pre-Marital Counseling  
Contact Your Local Legal Office

### **AMERICAN DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

*Forms Available at the US Embassy, Seoul Web Site*

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship (Birth Certificate, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Naturalization Certificate or U.S. Passport)
- A Completed Affidavit of Eligibility for Marriage. 5 Copies
- A Completed Report and Certificate of Marriage. 3 Originals
- Proof of Identity (Driver's License, Military I.D., Etc.)
- Proof of Termination of Any Prior Marriage(s) (An Original or Certified Copy of a Divorce Decree, Annulment or Death Certificate for Your Previous Spouse)
- If the American Citizen Is Under the Age of 18, Written Permission to Marry From Both Parents Is Required

### **KOREAN DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS**

- See [http://www.cyber.seoul.kr/sub\\_menu\\_01\\_3.html](http://www.cyber.seoul.kr/sub_menu_01_3.html) (Hangul)) 3 Copies in Korean & 1 in English of the Family Census Register Issued Within 3 Months of the Proposed Date of Marriage
- Valid Korean ID Card & Name Stamp
- Two Witnesses' Name Stamps/seals, Their Korean Addresses & Their Korean Identification Numbers (KID)
- Proof of Termination of Any Prior Marriage(s) (Often Shown on the Family Census Register)
- If the Korean Spouse Is Under the Age of 20, Written Permission to Marry From Both Parents Is Required

## MARRIAGE REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

(USFK Regulation 600-240 is rescinded for the US Army)

**POC: Mr. Ku at 738-6845/8111**

Client Legal Services Office, Yongsan Law Center  
ACS Building, room 229

### WHAT YOU NEED:

1. EA Form 736-E (or USFK Form 164 ) (Report and Certificate of Marriage) 3 typed originals
2. EA Form 737-E, for Korean and third country national, EA Form 738-E for both US soldiers (or USFK Form 165 )(Affidavit of Eligibility of Marriage) 1 typed and 4 copies.
  - For EA form 736-E, 737-E and 738-E on <https://www-eusa.korea.army.mil>
  - Please leave signature blocks blank on EA Form 736-E, 737-E and 738-E until notarized at Legal Office.
3. *Supporting documents are:*
  - a. A certified copy of a birth certificate from the Vital Records Office, or a valid passport, or an original certificate of Naturalization (citizenship).
  - b. Proof of Divorce, if applicable. The Divorce Decree must be submitted bearing the official seal
  - c. Proof of no pregnancy if divorced in last six months (if applicable)
  - d. For the marriage between a US military member and a citizen of a third country, they must go to the Embassy of that country to obtain a certificate of no impediment to marriage, or a certificate of legal capacity to contract marriage and/or an affidavit of eligibility for marriage from the concerning authorities of that Embassy. The third country national needs his/her passport.
  - e. Intended spouses from Russia and Ukraine require an access memorandum to enter USFK Installation, IAW Chapter 6, USFK Regulation 190-7.
  - f. 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade soldiers require their Commander's counseling (DA Form 4856)

### **THEN HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. To the Client Legal Services Office for a final legal sufficiency review and notarization of the EA form 737-E,/738-E and witnessing of the EA form 736-E.
2. To the Chongro-ku Ward Office to register the marriage and to obtain Certification of Marriage (EA form 736-E). In this office, you a pay a fee of approximately 30,000 won.
3. To the U.S. Embassy for an authentication of the EA form 736-E.

**Hours of Operation:** All offices closed on weekends and holidays (Korean & American).

	<u>Ward Office</u>	<u>U.S. Embassy</u>
Mon	0930 - 1630	0930-1530
Tue	0930 - 1630	0930-1530
Wed	0930 - 1630	CLOSED
Thur	0930 - 1630	0930-1530
Fri	0930 - 1630	0930-1530

Yongsan Client Legal Services Office, Bldg 4106, room 229 (ACS building). Please call 738-6841/8111 for an appointment. Office hours: M, Tu, W, F 0900-1600 and Th 1300-1500.
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